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BY (PROPOSED AUDITOR OF STATE BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the determination and collection of certain
- 2 fees by the auditor of state and the provision of municipal
- 3 financial management training, and including applicability
- 4 provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 11.6, subsection 11, paragraph a, Code 2 2024, is amended to read as follows:
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- 3 a. The auditor of state shall adopt rules in accordance with 4 chapter 17A to establish and collect a periodic examination fee
- 5 from cities that are not required to have an audit or required
- 6 fiscal year examination conducted pursuant to subsection 1
- 7 during a fiscal year. Such fees are due on March 31 each year.
- 8 The auditor of state shall base the periodic examination fees
- 9 the auditor of state establishes shall be on a sliding scale, τ
- 10 based on the city's budgeted gross expenditures, to produce
- 11 total revenue of not more than three six hundred seventy-five
- 12 thousand dollars for each fiscal year. However, cities that
- 13 pay a filing fee for an audit or examination pursuant to
- 14 subsection 10 during the fiscal year are not required to pay
- 15 the periodic examination fee. The funds collected shall be
- 16 maintained in a segregated account for use by the office of the
- 17 auditor of state in performing periodic examinations conducted
- 18 pursuant to subsection 1. However, if the fees collected in
- 19 one fiscal year exceed three six hundred seventy-five thousand
- 20 dollars, the auditor of state shall apply the excess funds
- 21 to provide training to city officials on municipal financial
- 22 management or shall contract with a qualified organization
- 23 to provide such training. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any
- 24 fees collected by the auditor of state for these purposes that
- 25 remain unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not
- 26 revert to the general fund of the state or any other fund but
- 27 shall remain available for use for the following fiscal year
- 28 for the purposes authorized in this subsection.
- 29 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to fees collected
- 30 in fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.
- 31 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- Code section 11.6(11) authorizes the auditor of state to 35 establish and collect a periodic examination fee from cities

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- 1 that are not required to have an audit or required fiscal year
- 2 examination during a fiscal year. The auditor of state is
- 3 required to base the fees on a sliding scale, based on the
- 4 city's budgeted gross expenditures, to produce total revenue
- 5 of not more than \$375,000 for each fiscal year. Current law
- 6 also requires the auditor of state to provide or contract for
- 7 training to city officials on municipal financial management if
- 8 the periodic examination fees collected in a fiscal year exceed
- 9 \$375,000 using the excess funds.
- 10 This bill increases the \$375,000 cap on total periodic
- 11 examination fees collected by the auditor of state to \$600,000.
- 12 The bill also modifies the threshold amount in order to require
- 13 the auditor of state to provide or contract for training to
- 14 city officials on municipal financial management.
- 15 The bill applies to fees collected in fiscal years beginning
- 16 on or after July 1, 2024.